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## Faculty renew rule permitting visitors

By Michael Garry

A motion was unanimously passed at the first faculty meeting last Wednesday to continue for one year the arrangements for participation of non-faculty individuals in faculty meetings.

Professor Frederick McCarry, Secretary of the Faculty, told *The Tech* that "the motion was passed routinely." The continuation of non-faculty participatory arrangements for one year has been the "practice since their inception" in September, 1969, he added.

According to Elias Gyftopoulos, Chairman of the Faculty, any non-faculty member of the MIT community is allowed to attend the faculty meetings, although only certain students are afforded speaking privileges. They are: the President and Vice-President of the Undergraduate Association, student members of the Committee on Educational Policy, the President of the Graduate Student Council, and student members of faculty committees working on agenda items under discussion.

These students, however, do not have voting privileges. The motion giving additional students speaking privileges was passed by the faculty last year (see *The Tech*, September 14, 1973), Gyftopoulos said.

Gyftopoulos noted that a particular section of the faculty meeting room has been designated for a non-faculty contingent. He suggested that students with speaking privileges should identify themselves to him before faculty meetings to ensure that they will be recognized.

Also at the faculty meeting Professor of Metallurgy Morris Cohen was announced as the James R. Killian Lecturer for 1974-1975.

The award, Gyftopoulos told *The Tech*, "was established three years ago to recognize extraordinary accomplishments by a full-time member of the MIT faculty." The recipient of the Killian Lectureship is expected to present a number of lectures to the MIT community during the academic year. In addition, the lectureship includes an honorarium of \$5000.

## UA to hold voter registration

By Stephen Blatt  
and Storm Kauffman

A voter registration session will be held at MIT in the Student Center West Lounge on Wednesday, September 18, from 11 am to 3 pm.

For the first time, MIT students will be registering under a new state law which makes it virtually impossible to turn away a prospective voter.

Any American citizen who states under oath that he or she resides in Cambridge and will be 18 years old or older on November 5, 1974, may register to vote under the new law, which took effect June 1.

The law has been rigorously enforced, according to David Sullivan '74, coordinator of the Cambridge Committee for Voter Registration (CCVR). He said that students had encountered no difficulties in registering to vote, calling it "a miracle."

"Even Edward Samp has been obeying the law," Sullivan noted. Samp, one of the Cambridge Election Commissioners, turned away over 80 MIT students in 1972 and another 18 in

1973 for failing to meet the residence requirement to his satisfaction.

The city of Cambridge has a long history of denying easy registration to students. The primary reason is that the substantial student population represented by MIT, Harvard, and Radcliffe will control the elections and lead to the type of college student run city that Berkeley became after the 26th Amendment.

In the 1972 registration session at MIT, Samp turned away over 50% of the students. He asked many of them questions which most students found embarrassing and irrelevant, and finally he denied them registration on the grounds of failing to prove "domicile." At that time, Attorney General defined domicile as having "no present intention of changing residence to another city."

Samp used domicile, rather than the 30-day residency requirement, as his basis and also questioned students about financial ties to parents.

The new law has only a

## Bldg employees strike MIT

By Storm Kauffman

At 6 am yesterday morning the 600 MIT maintenance and custodial employees represented by the Service Employees International Union (Local 254, AFL-CIO) went on strike (see story below).

According to both MIT and union officials, the strike is 100% effective. Picket lines began forming at about 7 am Thursday morning and continued throughout the day.

Robert Byers, Director of the MIT News Office, reported that approximately 175 employees were located at six sites around the Institute.

Byers said spot checks of employees in other unions indicated full attendance and that there had been no reports of faculty or student participation. However, Edward T. Sullivan, Chairman of the Strike Committee and president of the union, told *The Tech* that a "lot of the employees in the independent union [Research, Development, and Technical Employees Union]" stayed out. He also said that he had reports of petitions in favor of the strikers being circulated among the faculty and of at least two professors walking a picket line.

*The Tech* received a copy of

the SEIU proposed wage schedules. The highest rate is received by plumbers: presently \$5.60/hr, to go to \$6.03 then \$6.50 (on July 1, 1974 and on June 30, 1975 respectively). The majority of the salaries are in the \$4 to low \$5 range. Examples include painter at \$5.35 (\$5.75, \$6.18), custodian at \$3.65 (\$3.92, \$4.21), and housekeeper at \$3.65 (\$3.92, \$4.21). Of the 62 categories, 55 were under \$5/hr.

Asked what the union wanted, Byers said that there were no specific demands but that basically they are "looking for more money and protection

against inflation in the second year [of the contract]." Sullivan stated that the essential reason for the strike was the feeling that MIT was no longer giving them the right to bargain.

Contrary to Sullivan's statements, Byers said that negotiations had been underway since May. He explained that there are several unions with which MIT deals. All contracts elapse at the same time, and MIT usually negotiates with all the unions simultaneously.

Sullivan said that he couldn't understand the strike psychology and had no idea of when a settlement could be expected.

## SEIU strike affects dormitory services

By Storm Kauffman

The Institute community in general received very little notice of the impending strike by the Service Employees' International Union (SEIU), Local 254 of the AFL-CIO.

Negotiations have been underway since early July. H. Eugene Brammer, Director of Housing and Food Services, told *The Tech* that it was only in the last two sessions within the last two or three weeks that the situation began to look serious. An Institute offer of a two-year contract with an annual 7½% wage hike plus improvements in the pension and health plans has already been rejected.

The first indication came Wednesday morning in *Tech Talk*, when the newspaper reported that announcement of a strike-vote meeting had been posted on union bulletin boards and that a decision on the MIT contract proposals would be made then.

Wednesday afternoon, John M. Wynne, Vice President for Administration and Personnel, circulated a letter to the Institute community. The letter explained the situation as it stood at the time and then stated the plans in event of a strike.

According to the letter, the Institute would "remain open and continue to carry on all activities which can be conducted safely and with reasonable effectiveness." Plans had been made "to provide essential services normally provided by striking employees" by using supervisory personnel and volunteers.

Wynne warned that "employees represented by the striking Union have a legal right to strike and picket in a peaceful manner. They should not be interfered with in their exercise of this right. In particular, such interference on the part of managerial or supervisory personnel would be a violation of the law for which the Institute could be held responsible."

On the other hand, strikers were told that picketing must "be confined to public ways and will not be allowed on Institute property. Violence, mass picketing, and other actions which would interfere with the rights of others to come and go are illegal and may also be made the basis for disciplinary action... do not, under circumstances, use or threaten force to gain entrance." Wynne points out that "it is entirely legal and proper to cross a picket line" in order for an employee to exercise his right to work and free access.

All non-striking personnel were instructed to report for work as usual, and special entrances from which pickets are banned were to be set aside for construction workers.

Finally, Wynne noted that the Office of Personnel Relations would answer questions, receive reports, and provide assistance. Information of general interest would be provided over the Emergency Closing Number (253-SNOW), and announcement of the strike was made available sometime before 10 pm Wednesday evening.

Wynne's letter concluded by (Please turn to page 3)

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# Students informed of strike

By Storm Kauffman

MIT officials held a meeting late Thursday afternoon to inform student leaders of their rights and responsibilities during the strike and to answer questions.

Vice President for Administration and Personnel John Wynne told the group that no decision had been made on employing students in place of strikers. He said that there was considerable uneasiness about the idea. Art Beals, Associate Director of Housing and Dining Services, said that some houses already use students to remove rubbish and fill in for union employees. That policy will continue and might possibly be augmented.

Beals did stress that the Institute will not shirk its responsibility to maintain the dorms. The three essential services (mail delivery, night patrol, and rubbish removal) will be continued. Robert Davis, Director of the Office of Personnel Relations, stated that an employer can legally hire replacements, but that it cannot take reprisals against strikers. McCormick Housemaster Steve Senturia stated that he believed the house staff would not be embittered if students were hired to remove the trash.

There is also a possibility that food services might be affected. The union which staffs the dining halls has not yet signed their own contract, and teamsters in sympathy with the strike have been refusing to cross picket lines to make deliveries of food and other items. Beals said that the Dining Service anticipates that all facilities will remain open but that special provisions might have to be made to have food delivered. Vending machines run by Servend-Seiler will not be refilled during the strike.

As to when the strike could be expected to end, Wynne pointed out that the workers will receive their back pay for the next two weeks and that he did not see the slightest chance of resolution before then. Davis said that the Institute had made a very fair and reasonable offer which had been accepted by another union and that he would not recommend an increase. He also indicated that he would not ask for or agree to outside arbitration.

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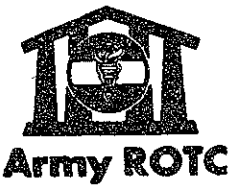
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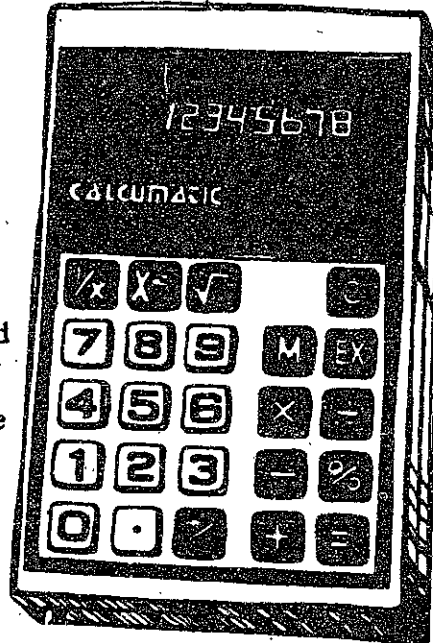
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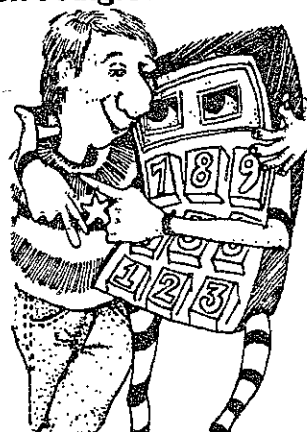
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# R/O week cost MIT \$8400

By Margaret Brandeau

R/O Week this year was generally a success, according to Dave August '76, Residence/Orientation coordinator, who noted that, while it is hard to gauge, "most people looked happy."

The goals of the R/O Committee, said August, are to help

freshmen feel at home at MIT and to help them feel free to ask other people questions. "We are not so much interested in providing information as in giving freshmen the ability to go out and get the information themselves," he said.

This year a total of \$8400 was allocated for R/O week, up

\$400 from last year. This increase was due in part to inflation and in part to a bigger freshman class.

More than half of these funds were spent on the freshman picnic, which cost \$4.00 per person. This high cost was due mainly to the cost of labor, according to R/O Administrative Assistant Bert Halstead '75.

Other portions of the money went to Parent's Orientation, Women Students' Orientation, Minority and Foreign Students' Orientation, to Academic Orientation, and to Social Events.

This year, instead of having freshmen turn in computer cards at each frat they visited, frats called up the R/O clearinghouse, where a computer kept track of where each freshman went. This was mainly done as a service to the fraternities so they knew the location of the freshmen they were interested in bidding.

Next year, among other changes, August would like to see more activities with faculty involvement. He would also like to have activities scheduled on the first Thursday of R/O week, and perhaps expansion of the Student Center Coffee house.

## Custodial walkout is first since 1962

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suggesting that a SEIU strike would not be in the best interests of MIT or its employees: "A strike by the SEIU would interrupt a constructive relationship which extends back to 1946. The consequences would be painful to the Institute, the striking employees, and all members of the MIT community. We sincerely hope that all employees represented by the Union who can possibly do so will attend the meeting, despite the inconvenience of the hour for many of them, so that the decision will fairly represent the views of the majority. If this is the case, there is reason to hope that a strike will be avoided."

However, attendance at the meeting was not as high as that at a meeting held last week. According to Brammer, the members at that September 5 meeting voted 222 to 202 to reject the MIT offer. Only about 300 members voted Wednesday night as the walkout was accepted by about 165 to 140.

Up to an hour after the conclusion of the strike meeting, rumors were circulating among Physical Plant personnel as to the decision. Supervisory and administrative personnel were notified at home or at the faculty club, where a large group was awaiting the outcome of the vote.

Almost immediately, the housing office distributed a memo to all dormitory residents, informing the students of the strike and of the intention of the Institute to continue operations as normally as possible.

Brammer explained that the memos had been prepared Wednesday afternoon in event of a strike, but that he had hoped not to have to use them.

The letter told students that "essential services such as mail delivery, dormitory patrol, rubbish removal, and necessary repairs will be provided by supervisory personnel and volunteers." Brammer explained that the dormitory managers would be available to do some of the jobs and that dorm patrol, a life safety function, would be continued as a service of prime importance.

Brammer's letter goes on, saying "we will continue cleaning and desk services, although the frequency and level will be af-

fectured.... Two ways in which you can best assure this [maintenance of the quality of living for all residents] are by taking care of the cleanliness of your own areas and by limiting requests for service to those which are really necessary." Those dorms which utilize more students for house duties (e.g. Senior House) may be less affected than other dorms.

The last strike to affect MIT occurred in 1962 when the Independent Union struck and members of the SEIU crossed their picket lines. Since then, only walkouts against contractors hired by MIT (such as those this summer against the builders of the new chemical engineering and dormitory buildings) have been called.

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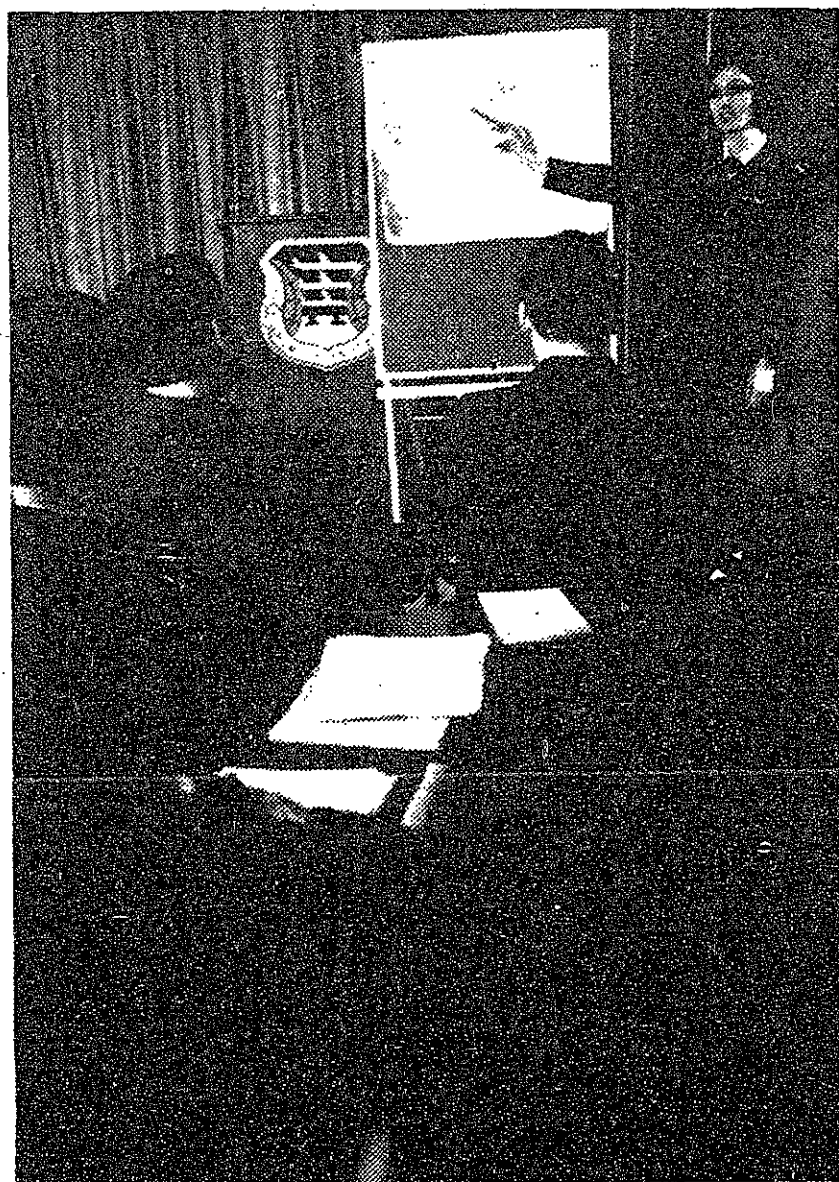
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By Storm Kauffman

Students at MIT will find it easier to register to vote in the city of Cambridge than it has ever been before. For those who do not plan to exercise their franchise in their native state, this is an opportunity that should not be bypassed.

In order to qualify to register, a student need only be a US citizen, age 18, and willing to sign an affidavit attesting the fact that he or she maintains a residence in the city. A dormitory qualifies as a residence under the new law, and, if you do not plan to vote in your parents' home state, then you have the right to register here even though you may go home for the summer.

Philosophically, now is an ideal time to consider taking an active role in politics. Many students have become accustomed to griping about the government (especially our dear departed Richard Nixon) but largely ignoring their chances to do anything about it (a "well, even if you can't do anything about the weather, at least you can complain about it" attitude.)

Voting is a way of exercising your right to be right, or wrong. You can have the smug satisfaction of voting in the only state to go against Nixon in 1972. You can have the once in a lifetime opportunity this year: vote against Francis Sargent because he is an MIT graduate and you hate his guts (and taxes), or vote for Francis Sargent because he is an MIT graduate and you like his guts (but not taxes).

However, if you do vote, and this may be the first time you have ever done so, take a serious look at the candidates.

Take time out from tooling to glance at a Boston newspaper or the television to find out what the candidates are saying. Judge them on their merits, use the post-Watergate morality if you must. Don't vote for somebody just because he's got eight letters in his last name and eight is the first Fibonacci number which is not a prime and is also a perfect cube.

Militantly, you can decide to vote because you want to show ole Ed Samp and all his kind that they can't keep the students from voting. A number of students went through numerous obstacles and litigations so that registration would finally be easy. But vote intelligently so that the fears of the people of Cambridge (of a city run by students for only students) are not realized.

The same sort of apathy (ah, a word reminiscent of my days in high school student government when *everyone else* was apathetic) that plagues college student government also affects students' decisions about national elections.

It is easy to say you don't like Nixon, but did you have anyone better to offer? It is easy to say that the Federal government doesn't work for you (or that the Undergraduate Association has nothing in common with you), but can you make the decisions that will improve the situation?

Voting makes you think. You consider the fact that you are about to help decide who the next President of the United States, or Governor, or Dog Catcher is going to be. You realize that one vote, your vote, doesn't really make any difference in the millions being cast. But on second look, if everyone comes to that conclusion it merely becomes a matter of which candidate's family is larger. A single vote counts; a lot of single votes count up to a win for someone. Go out and make someone win; go out and make someone lose; go out and help someone to not lose by as much.

I won't say get out to register and vote, but what better things will you have to do on a Tuesday in November. Take a quiz?

# The White House: who runs the show?

By Peter Peckarsky

The guns of August, silent now, are to be replaced by the summit of September.

About 4 o'clock on the afternoon of Friday, August 9, this reporter remarked to a colleague in the White House press briefing room that four days ago in that very room, the "smoking gun" transcripts were released. The weary journalist responded that it felt more like four years.

In the space of 91 hours, what has been called (although not by this writer) Alexander Haig's bloodless coup d'etat came to fruition. Haig, Nixon's last chief of staff and Ford's first, showed the fatal transcripts to Congressmen without Nixon's permission; the general carefully instructed Republican Senators Barry Goldwater, Hugh Scott, and Congressman John Rhodes on how they should act during their August 7 meeting with Nixon.

Haig's instructions were designed to lead Nixon, by the hand, to accept resignation. The former Army Vice-Chief of Staff cautioned the Congressional delegation that although they should give Nixon the facts, they should not mention the word "resignation" because it might stiffen Nixon's resolve and cause him to change his mind about leaving office.

Haig orchestrated the moves from Wednesday, July 31, when he became aware of the damaging evidence on the tapes of the meetings with H. R. Haldeman, to the morning of August 9 when he shepherded Nixon to the helicopter which would start the former President on his way to exile in California.

As Haig trudged, head down, toward the copter, he was secure in the knowledge that he had extracted from his former boss a one-sentence resignation letter.

This reporter spoke with Haig a few moments after Gerald Ford was sworn into office as the 38th President of the United States of America. We stood outside the East Room just inside the ceremonial North Entrance to the White House. Standing next to his wife, Haig dragged on a cigarette, listened to the Marine Band (the President's own) and watched the assembled VIP multitudes march into a post-inaugural reception.

Haig said he had received more wounds in the last year than in his previous 27 years in the Army. He was extremely fatigued yet appeared pleased with himself.

For the past year various people have raised the spectre of unconstitutional military action on behalf of Nixon if and when the crunch came. The crunch came, there was no unconstitutional action, as far as is known now. However, Secretary of Defense James Schlesinger was compelled, by his own sense of duty, to take what surely must be unprecedented action in the face of a potentially unprecedented threat to our form of government.

Schlesinger's main fears apparently were that former President Nixon would in his last days in office either attempt to initiate the use of nuclear weapons or order some military element to make a limited protective reaction strike — for instance against Capitol Hill. Yet those were among the thoughts passing through Schlesinger's mind.

What did he do? The Secretary made it known that the National Security Act of 1947 as amended, was in effect and would be followed to the letter. That Act provides that all orders from the President to any military unit must pass through the Secretary of Defense.

In other words, Schlesinger was preventing an end run around his position. Nixon and Company allegedly executed such a move to implement the secret bombing of Cambodia without the knowledge or approval of then Secretary of

Defense Melvin Laird. Schlesinger earned his pay that day — not that he doesn't every day.

The Republic stands — what now?

Jerry Ford may be the best thing to happen to this country since Harry Truman. He's got the same simple, folksy, down-to-earth approach; yet this observer reserves judgment.

Ford is moving to touch all bases at once.

In the space of eight and one-half hours on Wednesday, August 21, Ford participated in 13 meetings, gave three sent to two Congressmen explaining his he flitted about the Washington area. The meetings were with people as diverse as the Black Congressional Caucus, the Iranian Ambassador, and Rep. Wilbur Mills (D.-Ark.); the speeches were to both Houses of Congress and at a ceremony for slain US Ambassador to Cyprus Rodger Davies.

This was an active schedule, hyperactive in comparison with Nixon's typical day. Nixon's schedule featured 15 straight hours solitarily contemplating ways and means of making Watergate perfectly clear.

Ford may have enjoyed the schedule, but the press corps did not. The White House regulars were so exhausted that Press Secretary Jerry terHorst practically had to solicit questions. Finally, a feeble hand was raised and the following earth-shaking query was propounded: "How many hours a day is the President working and is he getting tired?" (and even if he's not, we are, so how about slipping in a week in the sun somewhere).

The White House press corps has had a tough year or two and managed to come out with at least the ability to look people in the eye only because of the efforts of two *Washington Post* police reporters. Judging by the questions at the August 29 press conference, the corps appears more intent on winning the Ted Baxter award than the Pulitzer Prize.

In his Inaugural address, Ford pledged an open and candid Administration; the

next Tuesday, he attempted to gut various strengthening amendments to the Freedom of Information Act. When questioned, the White House at first dodged by referring the questioner to the Justice Department. One week later, Ford released a copy of identical letters he had sent to two Congressmen explaining his differences with the proposed legislation and offering to reach a reasonable compromise. Nixon would never have written such a letter; having been written, the letter would not have been given to the press.

White House press briefings are now conducted in English rather than in Disneyland bureaucratese. The traditional honeymoon is still in progress. With serious inflationary and credit problems still plaguing the economy, it remains to be seen how long the truce will last.

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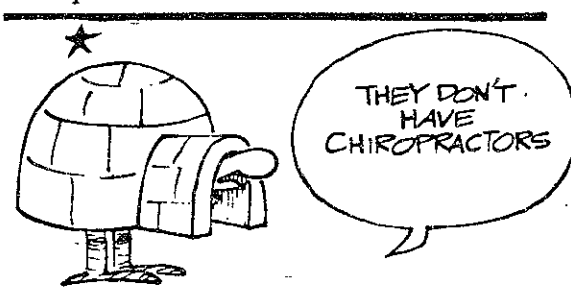
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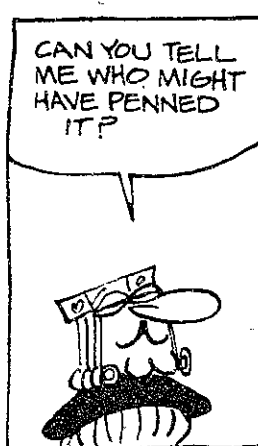
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# Lack of interest kills womens' house idea

By Lucy Everett

A new co-operative women's living group proposed last year by Diane Gilbert '75 will not be part of the Institute housing system this year because of lack of response from MIT women.

Gilbert's idea was triggered by the limited number of housing alternatives for MIT women, and the lack of meaningful relationships arising from the existing situations.

Her proposal was for a small community of women whose members could enjoy a relaxed atmosphere, a sense of caring for

each other, "a real home." Gilbert saw the possibility of a group whose members would enjoy many of the advantages of a fraternity. As far as women are concerned, Gilbert said, "I don't think there's any living group on or off campus which serves that purpose."

Gilbert rejected the idea of coedity for this group because she feels that certain tensions facing a woman at MIT make the existence of a small, all-female housing unit desirable. With the small percentage of females in the student body, unique prob-

lems are connected with being an MIT coed. Gilbert believes that close friendship with other women can ease such pressures.

Sorority affiliation for the group was rejected because of the stereotyped image often associated with sorority life. MIT fraternities, according to Gilbert, "are a horse of a different color," and while the new group probably would have established its own flavor, the sorority link appeared to be an

obstacle to recruiting members. Such independence would have cut off one possible channel of financial assistance for the group, although Gilbert hoped that resources could be procured from MIT alumnae.

The idea "never really reached the planning stages" because too few women were willing to commit themselves. Gilbert said that while at least 15 women were needed to insure

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the person if they feel the information is still incorrect.

The Undergraduate Association at MIT is handling the organization of the registration session, although it was the CCVR which filed petitions last month requesting sessions at MIT and Harvard during the schools' registration days. The Cambridge Election Commission is required by the new state law to hold sessions, upon petition

of ten registered voters, at the place specified (but not necessarily at the time requested).

The MIT session will be September 18 from 11am to 3pm. Other registration sessions will be at Harvard on September 16, 20, & 24 and on October 1; and in Central, Harvard, and Porter Squares on Saturdays from September 14 through October 8, the last day to register to vote in the November 5 election.



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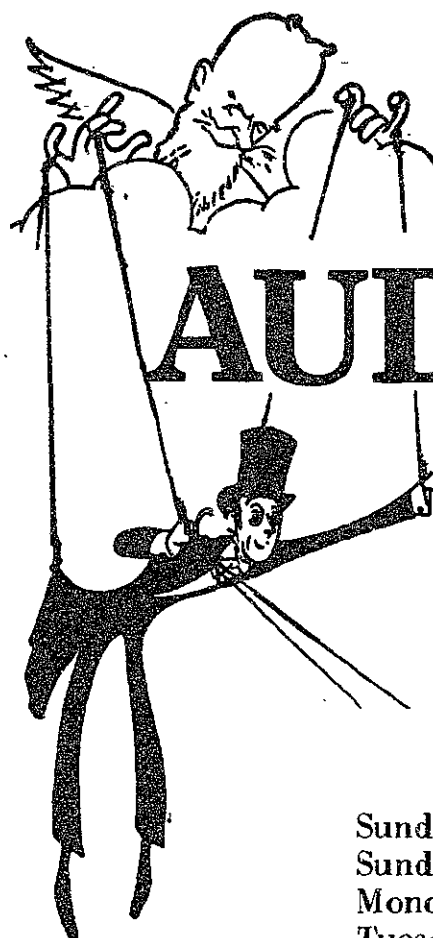
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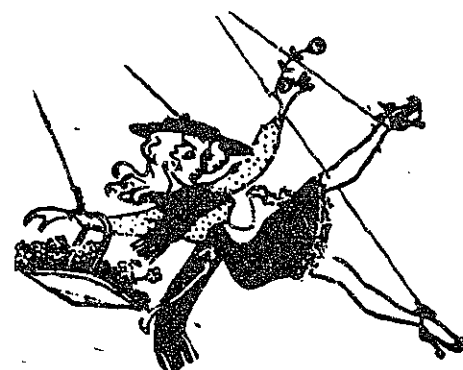
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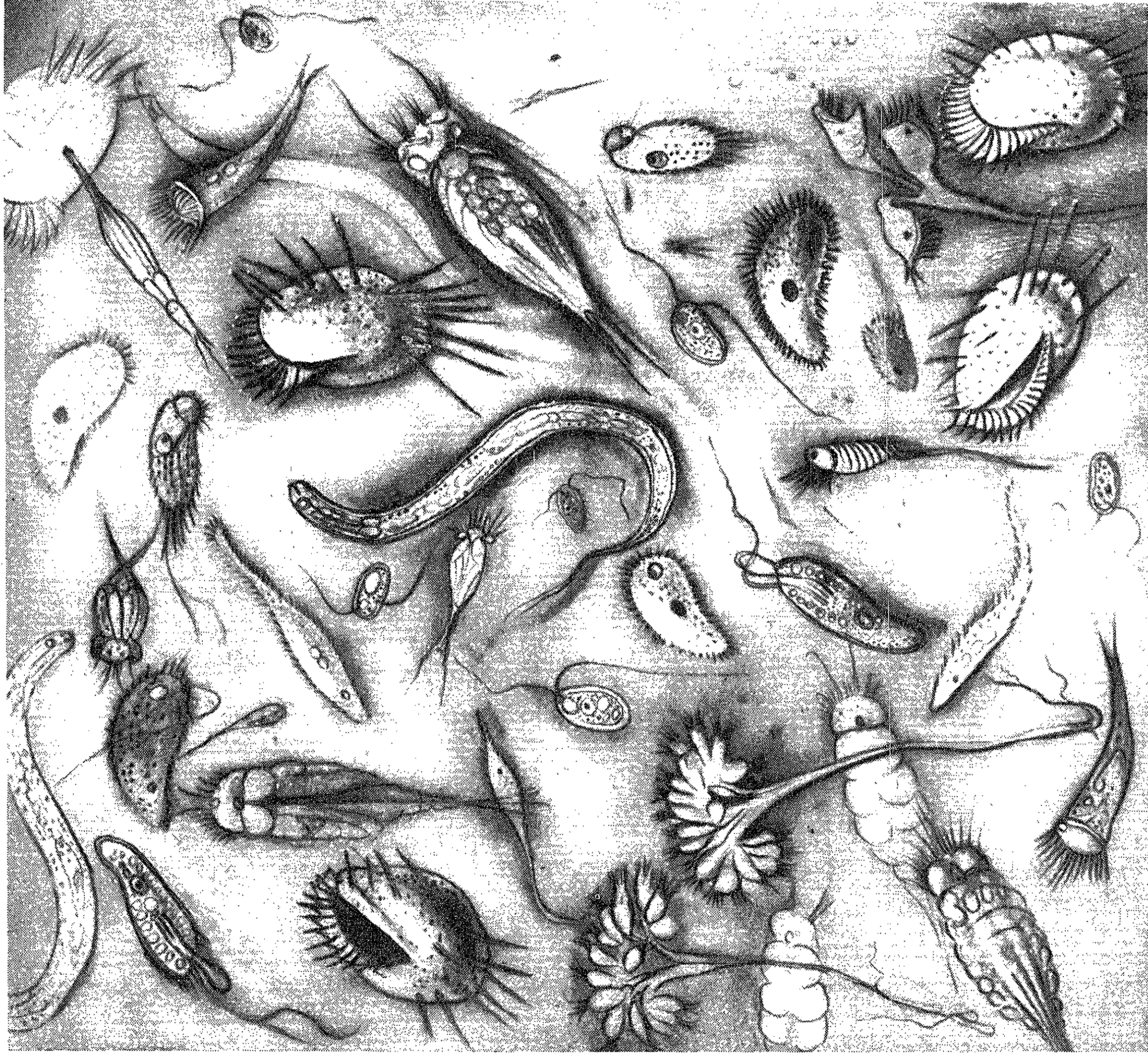
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# 17.22 students will campaign

By Mitchell Trachtenberg  
Ten MIT students will be playing an active role in this year's local election campaigns as part of a new subject offered by the Political Science Department.

The new subject, "Political Parties and the 1974 Elections" (17.22) is being taught by Assistant Professor F. Christopher Arterton, a new member of the faculty. Arterton hopes to combine academic preparation with on the job experience to provide the best possible educational experience for his students.

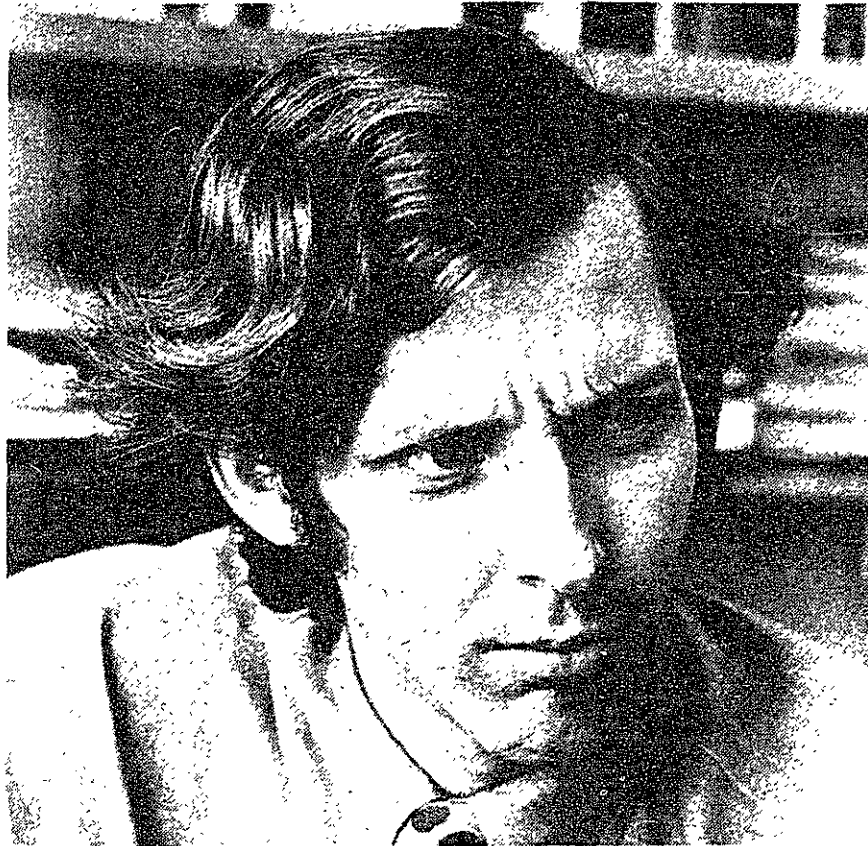
Among the topics Arterton

plans to explore with his class are the new Massachusetts Regulations for Campaign Finance Reporting, party participation, the effects of campaigns on political parties and vice versa, and, of course, the impact of Watergate and the Nixon pardon. However, the unique aspect of the subject will be the actual student participation in various local campaigns. With Arterton's assistance, students will obtain positions in campaigns for city councilmen, state senate, state representative, congress and others. Arterton's own political background is impressive. As a delegate to the 1972 Democratic

National Convention, he was elected to the Platform Committee and the Drafting Sub-committee, where he helped write the Democrat's Platform. He is also a member of the National Board of the Americans for Democratic Action, and of the New Democratic Coalition.

Obviously a liberal Democrat, he hopes to keep himself from pushing his students in the direction. Coming from states as different as Tennessee, South Dakota, and New York, with one coming from Spain, the students have a wide variety of political opinions. They are being encouraged to choose candidates who they are interested in and in general agreement with.

Arterton, who graduated from MIT, spent the last year and a half as a graduate student and instructor at Wellesley and has just joined the MIT faculty. To his knowledge, no other school has an organized class of the nature of "Political Parties."



Prof. Christopher Arterton

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## Female living group finds few interested

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the success of the proposal, only eight to ten expressed even a tentative interest during the allotted time period. Another factor, Gilbert speculated, was the concern on the part of the Office of the Dean for Student Affairs that a new women's group could interfere with plans to make Baker House coed.

Women who were interested in the group have made other arrangements for this year: in McCormick Hall, any of the coed dormitories or the language houses; in one of two coed fraternities; or, as Gilbert herself, in off-campus apartments.

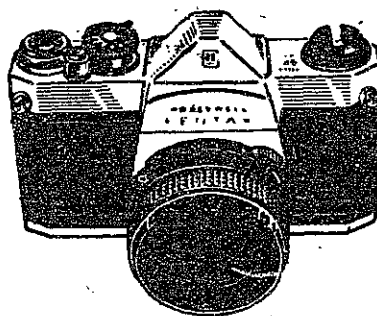
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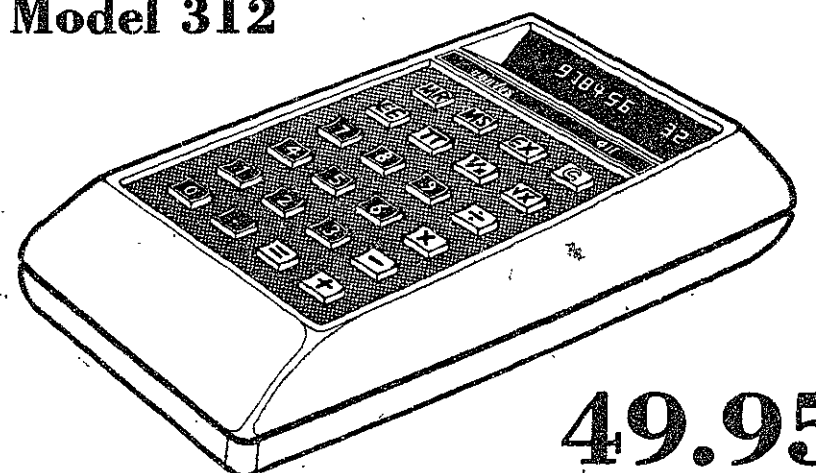
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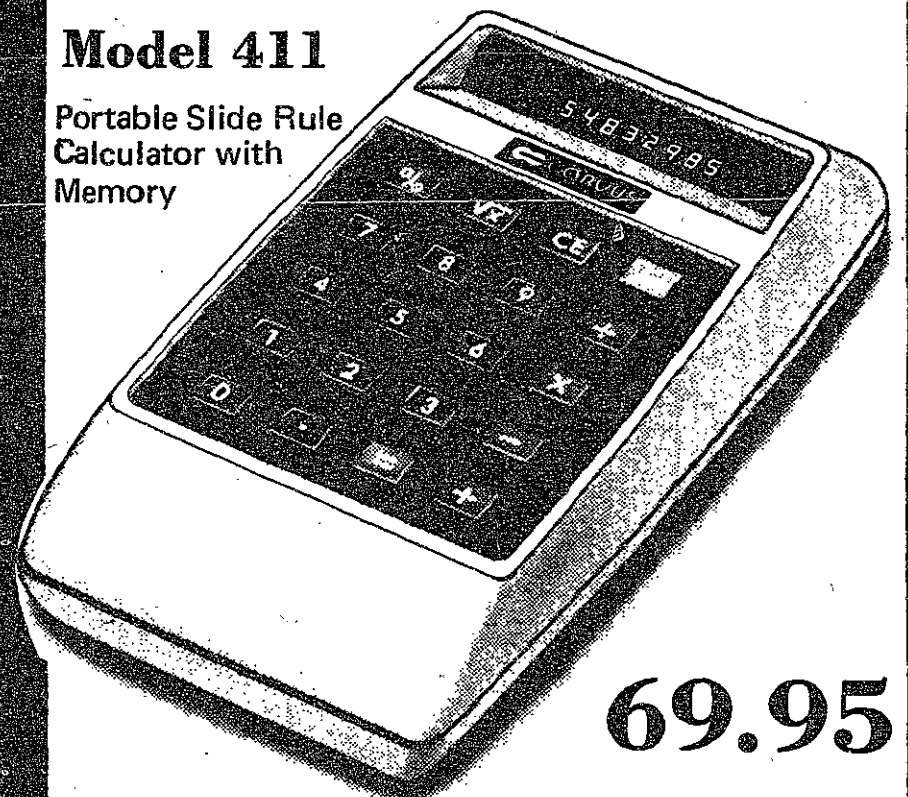


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# Sports

## Oarsmen contribute to US wins

By Glenn Brownstein

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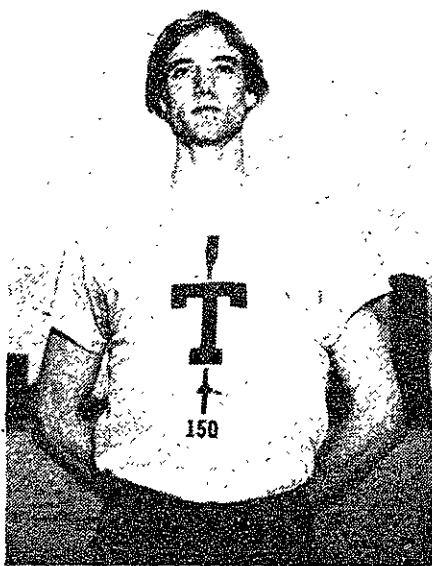
The Championships, rowing's premier annual event (only the Olympic competition could be considered in the same class) were held at the Rotsee, Red Lake course in Lucerne, Switzerland.

The MIT contingent also included heavyweight Gary Piantedosi '76 and freshman coach and former Tech oarsman Pete Billings '73, who made the US team as reserves but did not row in any of the races. Bill Miller, the varsity lightweight coach, competed in the pairs with coxswain competition. MIT's Director of Student Financial Aid, Jack Frailey, also went to Lucerne as US chief delegate to the International Rowing Congress.

With only three other countries participating, the US lights had to win only one race on the final day of competition to win the gold medal and did so handily, pulling out to an early lead and holding on for a 3/4 length victory over the Netherlands, West Germany and Great Britain placed third and fourth, respectively.

Nauman rowed in the number five seat for the championship crew that was never in difficulty and dominated the race.

The path to the heavyweight title for the US was much longer as the American team had to win



Ralph Nauman '74, member of gold medal-winning US lightweight crew team.

three races in a five-day span to gain the world crown.

The Americans won their opening heat easily on the first day of rowing, then rested two days before taking their semi-final heat. On the final day, however, the US had to use all of its reserve strength to defeat five other top international crews in the finals.

After the New Zealanders, 1972 Olympic champions, had taken a slim lead over the Soviet Union and the United States at the 500-meter mark, the US crew demonstrated its superiority, edging in front of its two chief competitors and an advancing British team before pulling away to a one-second win in the final 500 meters.

Everett filled the number three seat for the US, which covered the 2000-meter course in 5:46.37. Great Britain edged New Zealand for second place, while the East Germans, who won six of eight heavyweight events overall, placed fourth. The Soviet Union (the other gold-medal winner) and West Germany completed the tightly-bunched field, with only 1 1/2 lengths separating the first five finishers.

Frailey, after witnessing the heavyweight final, praised MIT heavyweight representative Everett, calling him "one of the world's finest athletes." He also felt that the control and calm determination the US crews exhibited were the major factors in their gold-medal efforts.

Miller, who rowed in the pairs with coxswain event in 1969, competed against an extremely tough field featuring five previous gold-medal winners, placing third in the petite finals (ninth over-all).

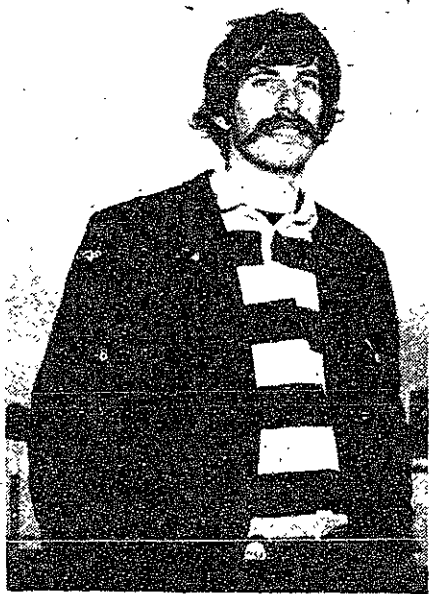
Coach Miller said that although in past years a ninth-place finish would have been

disappointing (he placed seventh in 1969), the caliber of competition was such at Lucerne that he termed his showing "respectable" and as good a personal finish as his 1969 effort.

Both Miller and Frailey praised the course, which was set up on a natural lake situated in a hilly section of the Lucerne area. They felt that the lake's location, which protected it from excessive winds, and its size, slightly longer and wider than a regulation course, made it the finest and one of the most beautiful settings for rowing competition in the world.

Nauman and Everett are the first gold-medal winners in international competition in MIT history. Although the Institute has had Olympic rowers in the past, they only made the national team as reserves.

The US showing, and the fact that MIT had more representatives on the eight-oared crews than anyone else, can be taken as an indication of the quality of the MIT crew program the last few years, and of the prominent position that MIT has taken in collegiate rowing.



Bill Miller, MIT lightweight crew coach, who finished ninth in World Championship pairs competition.

## Athletic cards now required for IM play

By Brian Rehrig

Effective with the start of the 1974-1975 intramural season, all IM participants will be required to purchase MIT athletic cards.

The requirement is one of several rule changes instituted by the Intramural Executive Committee, headed by chairman Mike Cucchissi '75.

When contacted by *The Tech*, Cucchissi stated that "the whole thing was my idea", but that it had the backing of the IM Council, the Athletic Association Executive Committee, and Director of Athletics Ross Smith.

In supporting the requirement, Cucchissi cited a "money crunch" in the Athletic Department, stating that he felt IM participants should be required to pay their fair share of the costs of the program, including equipment, referees, and the upkeep and lining of fields. In

addition, he reported that the referees and duPont desk staff would prefer not having to be responsible for handling MIT ID's, but would rather have IM participants use the more easily replaceable athletic cards as identification at IM events.

Despite the fact that IM football rosters, due yesterday at 4 pm., sternly require athletic cards numbers for all players listed, Cucchissi said that the numbers could be added later if individuals had not yet purchased their cards, provided each player does so before his team's first scheduled contest.

Although it had been alleged that the \$5 fee might discourage prospective IM participants, particularly those interested in only one sport, Cucchissi said that he did not think that \$5 would make "much of a difference to anyone".

## Benchwarmer

By Dan Gantt

To the consternation of many groups attempting to organize intramural teams this fall, a surprising change in the IM rules has been made requiring the purchase of an MIT athletic card as a condition of eligibility for participation (*see story above*). I believe this to be an unfortunate decision worthy of reconsideration by the IM Executive Council.

The arguments advanced by intramural chairman Mike Cucchissi '75 in support of the change are, on the whole, sound. I concur in the fact that the economics of the situation favor the change. Intramural athletes seemingly have every moral obligation to pay their own way.

Suspect, however, is the superiority of athletic cards to MIT ID's as a means of identification. Ringers could easily sneak into IM competition by simply borrowing someone else's card, as there are no pictures on athletic cards.

Towering high above the other arguments on the question, though, is a point played down by Cucchissi but which lies at the very core of MIT athletics. This is the participatory aspect of the MIT program.

Sports have never been reserved for the few here, but have always been offered for all to enjoy. Intramurals have always, then, been structured so as to involve as many students as possible. This new rule is certainly not designed to increase participation.

Therefore while I agree that the \$5 athletic fee is relatively small, should it cause only one student to shun athletics, I believe it will have done a great disservice to sports at MIT.

## sporting notices

Team entries for the intramural soccer program, run in the fall this year, should be turned in to the IM soccer mailbox in the Managers' office in duPont (W32-121) by 5:00 pm today. This deadline has been set so that conflicts in scheduling with IM football can be reconciled.

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Intramural volleyball rosters are due in the volleyball mailbox in the IM Managers' office in duPont (W32-121) by 5:00 pm on Monday, September 16.

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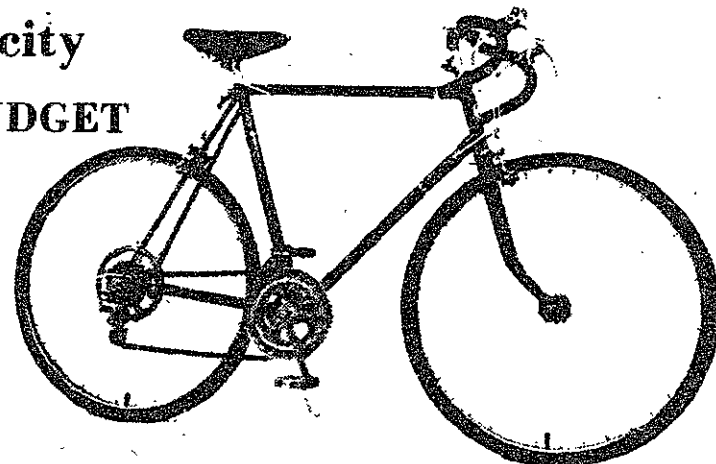
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